



WHAM Fall Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 12, 2009
Schwan's Event Center 9:00 a.m.-noon

Roll Call of Teams:

A1: All teams present
A2: All teams present.
B1: Absent: Puck Hogs
B2: All teams present.
C1: Absent: Ice Dogs, Power Play, River Heights Raptors
C2: All teams present.
C3: Absent: Breakaways

USA Hockey Report—Lynn Olson

New women's age classifications (Masters/Over 40) will be instituted at the 2010 USA Hockey National Championship in 2010. Registration date for nationals has changed this year, information is in team WHAM Fall Meeting folders. MN Hockey has entered a bid to host the 2011 Nationals for girls and women at Schwan's. Qwest Tour, a warm-up to the 2010 Winter Olympics has the Women's US Hockey team playing a couple of games in Minnesota: Sept 25th vs. WCHA All-Stars at the Excel. Dec 30th and at the Excel vs. Canadian National team. WHAM members will receive a discount for tickets to these events. A reminder that teams conducting invitational tournaments should register those tournaments with MN Hockey and USA Hockey—contact Lynn for the proper forms and procedures. A list of women's tournaments across the country will be posted on the USA Hockey website.

Treasurer's Report—Nancy Wefler

Year-end, 2009 financials are in team packets along with 2010 proposed budget. The 2010 income was reduced by the amount given to USA and MN Hockey so there is a discrepancy if year-over-year is compared. 2009-2010 referee fees by division have remained flat from last season. A fee grid is included in team folders and will be placed on the WHAM website for reference. 2009 State tournament rebate checks are being delivered to teams by Divisional VPs at this Fall Meeting.

President's Report- Sara Reisdorf

Be sure to check out the article about WHAM and adult women's hockey in the September 10th issue of Let's Play Hockey. WHAM continues to see membership grow each year. This year, we will field 82 teams and 1,450-1,500 players, an increase of three teams over last season. B2, C1 and C2 are all above threshold and will split into divisions. WHAM's tax exempt status is official with IRS, which has implications for income tax only, not sales tax.

- **Rule Changes:** There have been some rule changes that have been documented in the WHAM Handbook each team received today. In addition, the order of information has changed in the Handbook to make things easier to find. The table of contents reflects these changes. As teams review the changes to the rules for this season, it is important to note the section on page 11 around dual rostering as a goalie/skater, which were made due to a shortage of goalies—particularly in some divisions. Also on page 22, there have been changes to the process for filing grievances, which teams should also note.
- **Grievance Committee:** There is a need for a volunteer from each division to serve on the Grievance Committee. Please notify Divisional VPs if you are interested in serving on this Committee.
- **Nationals:** Teams must declare for Nationals by October 1. To do so, teams should send an e-mail to Susan Welles, MN Hockey Director and carbon USA Hockey Representative, Lynn Olson. Teams who declare must also secure their spot by submitting a \$250.00 check made out to WHAM by Oct. 31.



- **WHAM Website:** The new WHAM website is up and running. Every team has its own page on the site. Team managers can populate team pages. Instructions will be sent to team managers so they can get updated. In October all registered players in WHAM will automatically populate into the new website, including the team websites.
- **State Tournament Committee:** The Board has established a standing State Tournament Committee. The intent is to have one representative from each division to help plan and run the State Tournament. Please let Commissioners know if you're interested. One representative is required for each division. This year's State Tournament will have a four team format for all divisions.
- **Stat Cat:** One volunteer from each division is needed to help with stats again this year. Procedures are being revised due to the change in the stat program. Last year, there were 899 games that were entered by seven Stat Cats. This year, there will be 1,028 games. It is important to ensure that stats at games are entered onto score sheets accurately. Every team received a laminated score sheet to use as reference for scorekeepers who work games.

MN Hockey Report- Susan Welles

A new MN Hockey website was recently launched with expanded information. USA Hockey guides are not being provided to WHAM members this year because they are now online. In addition, ID cards for USA Hockey will not be issued in an effort to reduce costs, but members will still receive the USA Hockey magazine.

Registration: Priority registration opens today and will stay open for two weeks. Official roster will be created when team representative presents proper credentials for all registered team members. The WHAM Scheduling Meeting is the first opportunity for teams to receive official team rosters. Additional credentialing dates are being finalized and will be on the WHAM website.

Divisional Breakouts followed the live registration demonstration.

Meeting adjourned.